

(c) what is the demand-supply gap, if any, and the likely foreign exchange required to bridge this gap;

(d) whether the Indian Petro-chemicals Corporation Ltd. has huge stocks of Paraxylene, even beyond their storing capacity requiring them to store the surplus paraxylene in tanks at Kandla Port;

(e) whether the IPCL has been unable to sell its Paraxylene stock to domestic consumers and is planning to close the plant; and

(f) the steps being taken to ensure that imports are resorted to only after assessing the indigenous availability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Paraxylene is the key input for DMT/PTA. These, in turn go in to manufacture of Polyester Fibres/Yarns.

There are 3 producers of paraxylene viz. IPCL, BRPL and Reliance Industries Ltd. They produce Paraxylene for their own captive usage in DMT or PTA as the case may be. Bombay Dyeing Limited is the only producer of DMT without captive Paraxylene facility. During 1990-91, approximately 42000 MT Paraxylene was imported. While the exact value of import is not available, the international prices for P-xylene in 1990-91 varied between 400—650 US\$/T.

(d) to (f) As P-xylene is in OGL (AU) List of Import Policy, demand supply and prices of domestic and imported P-xylene are governed by market forces.

Participation of non-officials in 'Current Affairs' programmes

3655. SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) names of non-officials who participated in the 'Current Affairs' programmes of the AIR and the Door-

darshan, either individually or as members of a panel, during 1990-91;

(b) the names of eminent persons with their fields of specialisation maintained by the producers of Current Affairs programmes of AIR and Doordarshan; and

(c) whether these lists are revised from time to time and if so, when they were last revised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Programmes dealing with current affairs are put out by a number of All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras and as such the names of non-officials who participate in such programmes are not centrally compiled.

(b) and (c) No list of eminent persons with their fields of specialisation is maintained by All India Radio and Doordarshan. Well known experts in different fields are invited to participate in Current Affairs programmes.

Project Reports of M/s. Burn Standard Co.

3656. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether viable project reports were prepared by each unit and submitted to M/s. Burn Standard Company Ltd. for Board's approval in 1988 after in-depth market survey; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) An in-house market survey conducted in 1988 by M/s. Burn Standard Co. Limited (BSCL) to assess the demand of refractories covered upgradation of technology and orientation of production to meet the emerging changed market conditions. The said market survey brought out the need